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Paper I

Section A

1. What were the motives which led to the partition of Bengal? What were its consequences? Why was it annulled (About 250 words)? (35)
2. Answer the following questions

 - a. Analyse Mahatma Gandhi's main demands presented to Irwin. How did Salt emerge as the central issue for launching the Satyagraha (About 100 words)? (15)
 - b. What was the Gandhi-Irwin Pact? Why was it signed and what were its consequences (About 150 words)? (20)
3. Answer the following questions

 - a. Discuss Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Basic Education. How did Tagore differ from it (About 150 words)? (20)
 - b. Explain Nehru's main theme in his Discovery of India (About 100 words). (10)
 - c. Describe Nehru's attitude towards Russia in the pre-1947 period (About 50 words). (5).
4. Answer the following questions

 - a. Give an account of the legislative measures passed during 1856 – 1956 for the uplift of women. Why was a new Act prohibiting Sati passed recently (About 150 words)? (15)
 - b. What are the main forms of classical dance in India? Indicate two features of each (About 50 words). (10)
 - c. Explain the contributions of the following to the social life of India: (One sentence for each) (10)

 - i. Ela Bhatt

- ii.* M. G. Ranade
- iii.* Acharya Narendra Dev
- iv.* Madan Mohan Malaviya
- v.* Narayana Guru
- vi.* Birsa Munda
- vii.* Baba Amte
- viii.* Malati Devi Chowdhury
- ix.* Dr. Zakir Hussain
- x.* C. N. Annadurai

5. Answer the following questions

- a.** Where are the following located and why are they well-known (Two sentences on each)? (10)
 - i.* Dakshinesvara
 - ii.* Bharukachchha
 - iii.* Pragjyotish
 - iv.* Deorala
 - v.* Jehanabad
- b.** Explain the significance of the following in the socio-religious context: (About 50 words for each) (15)
 - i.* The Alavar Saints
 - ii.* Faraizi Movement
 - iii.* Kuka Movement
- c.** Evaluate the chief characteristics of any two of the following: (About 50 words for each) (10)
 - i.* Gandhara School of Art
 - ii.* Rock-cut temple architecture
 - iii.* Chola architecture

Section II

1. Answer the following questions

- a.** What led to the signing of Tripartite Accord with TNV? What are its main points (About 15 words)? (20)
- b.** Why did Iran accept the UN Security Council Resolution for a cease-fire? When did it become operative (About 125 words)? (15)

2. Answer the following questions

- a. Discuss the significance of the INF Treaty between Soviet Union and the USA (About 125 words). (15)
- b. Has the IPKF been able to achieve the goal set before it by the terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka
- Agreement? What are the options available to India (About 150 words)? (20)

3. Answer the following questions

- a. What was the G – 7 Summit? When and where was it held? What were its achievements (About 100 words)? (15)
- b. What led General Ne Win to resign from power? What were its immediate results (About 75 words)? (10)
- c. Describe the circumstances which led to the signing of the agreement on Afghanistan. What were its terms (About 75 words)? (10)

4. Answer the following questions

- a. Write brief notes on (About 30 words) (10)
 - i. ASLV-D2
 - ii. INSAT-1C
- b. When were the following in the news recently (One sentence each)? (5)
 - i. Narendra Hirwani
 - ii. Mike Tyson
 - iii. Courtney Walsh
 - iv. Syed Modi
 - v. Sergei Bubka
- c. What is 'Grand Slam' in Tennis? Name a man and a women who have won it (4).
- d. Where were the following events held this year and who were the winners (6)?
 - i. Uber Cup
 - ii. International Women's Basket Ball
 - iii. Bicentennial Gold Cup
- e. What was 'Operation Black Thunder'? When was it launched? What did it achieve (About 75 words)? (10)

5. Answer the following questions

- a. What is 'Perestroika'? What are the major changes envisaged by it (About 75 words)? (10)
- b. Describe the salient features of GNLF Accord with the Government. How does it differ from the original GNLF demands (About 75 words)? (100)
- c. What was the achievement of 'Varuna' (3)?

- d.** Which were the two countries which first played the limited over international cricket match? In which year was it played and where (4)?
- e.** In a Medley Race in swimming which are the four styles of swimming involved (4)?
- f.** Name the sanctuaries/places where the following animals are found in India: (4)
 - i.** Wild Ass
 - ii.** Rhinoceros
 - iii.** Hangul
 - iv.** Great Indian Bustard

6. Answer the following questions

- a.** Who are the following? Why were they in the news recently (One sentence each)? (5)
 - i.** Kanshi Ram
 - ii.** Swami Agnivesh
 - iii.** Robert Mugabe
 - iv.** Michael Dukakis
 - v.** Girish Karnad
- b.** What is Aid India Consortium? What has been its role in India's recent economic growth (About 75 words)? (10)
- c.** What do you know of the 'Project Tiger'? How and when was it initiated? Name any five tiger reserves in the country (10).
- d.** Write a short note on the financial aspect of Sarkaria Commission Report (About 40 words). (5)
- e.** Mention any two films which have won National or International Award. Write two sentences each about the social problems reflected therein (5).

Section III

- a.** Present the following information in a tabular form and find out by what percentage the 1987 – 88 outlay exceeds the original outlay for 1986 – 87. The outlay for the 1987 – 88 Annual Plan has been fixed at ₹ 44,699 crores. This comprises ₹ 25,042 crores for the Centre and the rest for the States Sector. The Revised Estimates of the Plan outlay for 1986 – 87 consist of ₹ 23,625 crores for the Centre and ₹ 16,636 crores for the States. As compared to the original outlay for 1986 – 87, the Revised Estimates are higher by ₹ 1,325 crores for the Centre and lower by ₹ 116 crores for the States.
- b.** Answer the following questions

Represent the following data relating to world book production by a suitable diagram: (12)

| Year | Year 1955 | Year 1960 | Year 1965 | Year 1970 | Year 1975 | Year 1976 |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| No. Of Titles | Titles 269000 | Titles 332000 | Titles 426000 | Titles 521000 | Titles 568000 | Titles 591000 |

Table Supporting: Section III

f. Do you agree that the annual rate of increase in book production was the lowest during 1975 to 1976 (Assume that the annual rate of increase during the various five-year periods was uniform within the given periods)? (3).

3. Answer the following questions

- a. A heart patient advised to undergo surgery had heard a statement that 'every seventh heart operation resulted in fatality.' When he went to his surgeon he learnt that the surgeon had just completed six successful operations in a row. He refused to become the seventh patient. How would you explain the above statement to him to allay his fears (5)?
- b. In a class of 50 students, there are 30 boys and 20 girls. In a test, the average marks obtained by boys was computed to be 40 and those by girls to be 45. However, on scrutiny, it was found that the marks obtained by one of the boys was wrongly taken as 30 instead of 60 and the marks obtained by one of the girls was taken as 70 instead of 50. Find out the correct average marks for the boys and for the girls and for the class as a whole (5). OR
- c. The average marks of 500 students in an examination are 45. Among them, the average marks of the top 150 students are 75 and that of the last 150 students are 25. What are the average marks of the remaining 200 students? Give the steps of the calculation (5).

4. The graph below show the graph attained by plant A and plant B at the end of various periods of time:

- a. Tabulate the data represented by the graph (9).
- b. During which time-intervals, the rate of growth of plant A has been less than, equal to and greater than that of plant B (6)?

Paper II

Section I

1. Answer the following questions

- a. Discuss the methods by which Parliament controls public expenditure in India (About 250 words). (40) OR
- b. What do you consider are the problems of National Integration in India? Suggest suitable remedies (About 250 words).

2. Answer the following questions

- a. Discuss the problem of rural unemployment in India. What specific schemes have been launched by the Government to generate employment opportunities in rural areas (About 250 words)? (40) OR
- b. Discuss the contribution of public sector enterprises to the economic development of India. Are these enterprises generating enough resources for further investment in the economy (About 250 words)?

3. Answer the following questions

- a. Trace the growth of Science museums in India. Examine their role in promoting science awareness and the spirit of scientific temper among the common people (About 250 words). (40) OR
- b. What is Integrated Pest Control Management? Comment on its current status in the Country (About 250 words)?

Section II

1. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)
 - a. What are the major commitments of the Constitution of India as incorporated in its preamble?
 - b. Explain the concept of Minorities in the Indian Constitution and mention the safeguards provided therein for their protection.
 - c. Examine the role and functions of the State Governors as set out in the Constitution of India.
 - d. Explain the Constitutional responsibilities of the Election Commission of India.
2. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)
 - a. There is renewed emphasis on district planning in India. Examine its rationale, past experience and scope for success
 - b. Examine the debt burden of the Government on India. Is the country heading towards a 'debt trap'
 - c. Discuss the progress of Indian economy during 'Forty Years of Freedom' What structural changes do you think, have taken place in the economy?
 - d. What are 'administered prices' and what is their role? Examine their impact on the general price level.
3. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)
 - a. State the types of environmental pollution and some of the places where it has occurred due to the progress of industrialisation in India.

- b. Which parts of India were mainly affected by the severe drought of 1987 – 88? What were its main consequences?
 - c. What are black soils? Give their distribution in India and explain their uses and problems.
 - d. Mention any three tribal areas in India. What are the main components of the Government's tribal development programme?
- 4. Answer any two of the following (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words) (20 + 20)
 - a. The Government of India has recently set up a Department of Food Procession. What are its functions?
 - b. Some experts are of the opinion that the dams and the reservoirs located in different parts of the country may lead to undesirable consequences. How far are these fears justified?
 - c. What are the aims of the New Technology Policy? What steps are being taken to improve the standards of technical education?
 - d. What is fluorosis? What can be done to minimise its harmful effects?

Section III

- 1. Answer four questions from Group A, three from Group B and three from Group C (Answer to each question should be in about 25 words). (30)
 - a. Group A
 - i. Name the direct and indirect taxes levied by the Government of India. Which of these yields the highest amount of revenue?
 - ii. What is Minimum Wage? Is there any such provision in India?
 - iii. What are lead banks?
 - iv. What is the HBJ pipe line? What will it carry, from where to where, and for what purpose?
 - v. What is shifting cultivation, and where is it carried on?
 - vi. Where is the Desert National Park situated in India? Why has it been created?
 - b. Group B
 - i. What do you understand by 'zero-hour' in the conduct of business in Parliament?
 - ii. State the privileges of the members of the Parliament?
 - iii. Explain the significance of Article 370 in the Constitution of India.
 - iv. What is the objective of the Commission of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill of 1986?
 - v. What is meant by collective responsibility of Parliamentary democracy?
 - vi. Why is India called a Republic?

c. Group C

- i. What is El Nino? How is it relevant to India?
- ii. What is a Compact Disc?
- iii. Explain the meaning and the uses of gene therapy.
- iv. What are the harmful consequences of excessive noise?
- v. Advances in biotechnology have led to the creation of new micro-organisms previously unknown in nature. What are their users?
- vi. what's Ozone pollution?

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